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**SUBJECT:** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Equal Opportunity Conference

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1. **Purpose:** To advise State Employment Service/WIA Administrators of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Equal Opportunity Conference sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor Civil Rights Center in partnership with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, Inc. The conference will be held in Arlington, Virginia from July 31 through August 2, 2002.
2. **Background:** Federal Regulation 653.108(e) states that State Monitor Advocates shall attend training sessions required by the Regional or National Monitor Advocate. The National Equal Opportunity Conference presents an outstanding opportunity for training and professional development for all Monitor Advocates and other staff involved with the Job Service complaint system as well as equal opportunity and affirmative action issues. The Conference will afford the Monitor Advocates the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills to carry out their responsibilities to ~~A~~participate in and monitor the performance of the complaint system@ [20 CFR 653.108(j)] and ~~A~~assess the adequacy of the annual State affirmative action plan for MSFWs@ [20 CFR 653.108(o)]. The Conference will feature two plenary sessions and 24 workshops that cover the full array of current equal opportunity and nondiscrimination topics.
3. **Logistics:** The conference will be held July 31 through August 2, 2002, at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The reservations number is (800) 228-9290. The hotel is guaranteeing a government rate of \$150 for a single (plus \$9.75 tax) per night. Each attendee is responsible for his/her own reservations. Please register as early as possible to secure accommodations.
4. **Registration:** The **registration fee** is **\$250.00**. Registration closes **July 17, 2002**. A copy of the conference announcement from the U.S. Department of Labor Civil Rights Center is attached or visit [http://www.dol.gov/dol/oasam/public/regs/compliance/CRC\\_conference.htm](http://www.dol.gov/dol/oasam/public/regs/compliance/CRC_conference.htm).
5. **Action Required:** Administrators are encouraged to authorize the attendance and participation of the State Monitor Advocate and equal opportunity staff. Any other staff are also welcome.
6. **Inquiries:** Questions concerning this issuance should be directed to Doris Lissette Geán, Regional Monitor Advocate, at 617-565-2268.

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